

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Chile, 1855.

Saturday March
 Lat 39.22
 Lon 74.12
 2nd Insects part brisk Northerly winds and large W^{est} standing in toward the land Middle part saw many humpbacks at noon Valdivia bore East 4 Leagues to the off shore at 1 P.M. took the wind at S.W. in a squall with heavy Rain took in the Topsails at 3 more moderate made sail again saw plenty of humpbacks Latter part light winds and variable have too as usual

Sunday March
 Lat 39.55
 Lon 74.15
 3rd Light S Easterly winds and fair clear weather with a high swell from the W.S.W. the Entrance of the Port of Valdivia in sight E.S.E. 6 Leagues saw plenty of humpbacks and Porpoises fine the Ship Sprightly which we spoke she had on all but 3 Tons of Oil on board and bound to the Northward soon Latter part stood off W.S.W. with fresh wind at S.W.W. at Night have too as usual under Staysails

Monday March
 Lat 39.16
 Lon 74.27
 4th this day Gentle Southerly winds and fair W^{est} with a smooth Sea on it being the first fair day for nearly one Month past cruising between the Distance of 6 and 18 Leagues from the Land the sprightly in sight and Mocha at noon N.E. saw no fish except one school of B. fish and one Sunfish Repaired the M^{ain} Staysail, so ends

Tuesday March
 Lat 39.06
 Lon 74.37
 5th Commences moderate Gale at South and foggy W^{est} Middle part much the same stood in E.S.E. by the wind at 2 P.M. land weather saw the Land at 4 or 5 Leagues Dist. sounded and found ourselves on 55 fathoms water without having any material alteration in the colour of the water saw humpbacks all round us and several Right Whales but did not pursue them so steered off W.S.W. & N.W. at 7 in the evening landed all sail except the Staysail as usual for this week past at 6 P.M. saw the Sprightly standing in shore. Notwithstanding we see every sign for sperm whales yet every sign faint with ourselves and likewise the Sprightly a whale not seen any there 24 days.

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Wednesday March
 Lat 38.55
 Lon 74.52
 6th Commences Light variable winds and remarkable smooth Sea and fair weather at daylight saw a very large school of B. fish put off all three boats got two and took them on board Mocha in sight leaving North Dist 12 or 14 Leagues stood off by the wind which was at North at 2 P.M. the wind had increased to that degree that we lay the Ship too under Fore Main & Mizzen Staysails headed off West and at 6 P.M. Raining dirty Weather with a high swell Sea on which remained throughout these 24 hours with the winds inclining Westerly

Thursday March
 Lat 38.50
 Lon 74.13
 7th Commences fresh Westerly winds and very Squally weather laying lower too at 6 Morning set (Fore-sail - Topsails & Land off to S.W. from Mocha which bore N.N.E. Dist 5 Leagues Latter part a little more moderate made more sail stood off W.S.W. with fresh wind at W and clear W^{est} repaired the M^{ain} Staysail that got split in yesterday's Gale likewise repaired the W.T. sail and sent it up again at 7 P.M. have too as usual

Friday March
 Lat 38.30
 Lon 74.37
 8th Gentle Southerly breezes and fair weather throughout this day cruising off N.W. & W and in E.N.E. between the Distance of 6 and 18 Leagues from Mocha at leaving from N.N.E. to E.B.N. at 4 P.M. spoke Ship Sprightly who has been cruising about here a long time without seeing a whale on the Coast only once since the 16th of last Month saw plenty of fish and some Sunfish but not a whale of any Species although exactly on the ground for them, so have too

Saturday March
 Lat 38.20
 Lon 74.48
 9th Light Southerly winds and fair weather made sail as usual the Sprightly in sight and Mocha E.B.S. & off at 7 this morning, saw three sperm whales to 7 P.M. of which two of them were soon away out of sight the other remained till noon before I got the run of her then put off at 2 a.m. to track and soon killed her at 1/2 past 5 got her along side lost it on and at 1/2 past 3 got most of her killed in, when the piece broke and we lost her small killed the carcass with very heavy carried away the fluke rope as done too and lay on the land along side all the latter part of the day.